

**ILLINOIS CENTURY NETWORK**  
**July 16, 2012 POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Greg Wass called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

Members present Chicago:

Greg Wass, Cook County	Scott Norton, Illinois State Board of Education
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Members Present Springfield

Anne Craig, Illinois State Library	Mike Dickson, Western Illinois University
Amy Edwards, Illinois Board of Higher Education	Todd Jorns, Illinois Community College Board
Lori Sorenson, Central Management Services	

Members on audio bridge:

Beth Shea, Illinois State Museum	
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Members absent:

Chet Olson, Mayor of Rochelle	
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Staff and guests:

Tom Oseland, Central Management Services	Kathleen Bloomberg, Illinois State Library
Deborah Kelley, Central Management Services	Kirk Mulvany, Central Management Services
Tom Coats, Central Management Services	Robin Woodsome, Central Management Services
Sarah Zerfas, Central Management Services	Melissa Camille, Central Management Services
Frank Whitney, AT & T	Carla Poani, AT & T

Greg Wass started the meeting with a special recognition for Mike Dickson who is retiring from Western Illinois University. Mike was a part of the original taskforce led by Lt. Governor Kustra in 1998/1999 that recommended creation of the Illinois Century Network. Mike has served on the Advanced Engineering Taskforce since it's inception as well as the Policy Committee. Mike was presented with a plaque to thank him for his continued service. Mike is willing to continue to serve on the Policy Committee until a replacement is appointed.

### **Minutes**

Greg introduced the first item on the agenda, the approval of the minutes from April 16, 2012. There was one correction; Northwestern University was noted as Northwestern Illinois University. A motion was made by Todd Jorns to accept the minutes with the correction. The motion was seconded by Mike Dickson. The motion carried.

### **Illinois Broadband Opportunity Partnership Update**

Lori reported the project has reached the two year mark. Construction is underway on all segments. To date, there are 83 miles of fiber and 320 of 650 miles of conduit installed. Overall, construction is going well and there are no critical issues.

Permits have been one of the greatest challenges. Railroads permits are complete except for one railroad company. CMS legal is working with the railroad to finalize the language in the permit agreement.

The majority of the 600 miles of fiber leases have been signed. Staff have identified potential vendors who have responded through an RFP solicitation. There are a few additional leases in the Chicago area to be addressed.

As of June 30<sup>th</sup>, CMS has spent \$31.3 of the total \$96 million. CMS has received \$12 million in state capital funds.

A total of eight anchor institutions are connected and capable of receiving increased bandwidth. Seven of those sites are state agencies which have not received the additional bandwidth. Litchfield High School was turned up to 50MB from 10MB.

Lori reported the network experienced its first fiber cut. The cut was along leased fiber north of Collinsville. As a result, the link between Collinsville and Springfield was down. The fiber cut did not impact service to customers due to the backbone redundancy. A second fiber cut near the Bloomington area also affected a backbone link. This cut was caused by CMS fiber contractors when they hit an unmarked fiber cable used by one of the vendors providing ICN backbone circuits. No customers were impacted by the outage.

CMS is receiving a lot of interest in leasing fiber and/or services over the fiber network. The companies contacting CMS include traditional telephone companies, wireless service providers, and wholesale broadband providers.

Greg mentioned the need to work with the Governor's Office to schedule a ground breaking. Lori responded that staff have been in communications with Ryan Croke about potential opportunities. Ryan has mentioned the possibility of the Directors of CMS and Commerce and Economic Opportunity conducting the events. Staff will continue to work with Ryan.

### **State Funding Allocation Model**

Since our last meeting, the budget was approved and signed. The ICN funding level for this fiscal year is \$6 million down from \$13 million. ICN funding from the General Revenue Fund was eliminated. This year's funding is from two special purpose funds. Staff talked with the Governor's Office and the Governor's Office of Management and Budget regarding the impact of the reduced funding. The misperception is that there will be additional revenues as a result of new customers. Staff explained that it will be 3-5 years before revenue from other sources could potentially fund a level of connectivity for schools and libraries.

Robin shared a handout to show the impact to constituents as a result of the reduced state funding. The reduced state funding will not affect the proposed FY13 rates, but it will reduce the state funding allocation credit for schools and libraries. CMS will announce the reduced funding in the next monthly update.

Additional funding for the ICN is included in the Budget Implementation Bill (BIMP). There is a possibility that the BIMP could still be passed in the fall.

In years past, ICN provided legislators with a report listing the schools and libraries receiving services within their district. It was suggested that ICN reinstitute these reports. There is also a need to address the perception that capital funding will eliminate the need for operating dollars. It was also suggested

that ICN work with constituents to meet with legislators in their districts to showcase the importance of the network to the individual schools and libraries. Another suggestion was to work with the Community College Board's Presidents Council and Trustee Association to reach out to legislators.

Amy Edwards made a motion that the Policy Committee adopts the state funding allocation model with the understanding that changes to the Library System allocation may be made with the agreement of the Library Systems, the Illinois State Library, and the Illinois Century Network with updates to the Policy Committee. Todd Jorns seconded the motion and the motion carried.

#### **Advanced Engineering Taskforce Membership Appointments**

Kirk Mulvany reported that 11 memberships of the Taskforce have terms that expired in June. Of those 11 members, 9 are willing to continue to serve on the Taskforce. In addition, John Bandy, IT Director at Memorial Health Systems in Springfield expressed an interest in joining the group. Ken Terrinoni, Boone County and Ryan Croke, Governor's Office each expressed their support but due to time constraints and other priorities, indicated they do not wish to seek renewal of their terms.

Mike Dickson made a motion to confirm the new members and renewal of those appointments that expire in 2012. Anne Craig seconded the motion, the motion carried.

Greg expressed his appreciation to the AET members.

#### **Erate**

Tom Oseland reported there has not been a lot of activity since the last meeting. The 2011 and 2012 applications are in initial review status. They represent \$6.7 million in potential funding. This year's request will be less as eligible costs decrease as the fiber replaces some of the backbone circuits.

#### **Open Meetings Act**

Lori reported that changes to the Open Meetings Act effective January of 2012 require online training for elected or appointed members of a public body. The ICN is considered a public body. The training must be taken once during a person's term between January 1, 2012 and January 1, 2013. Unlike the ethics training, individuals are not required to complete a separate training for every board on which you serve. Committee members are asked to send the certificate of completion electronically to Deb Kelley.

The training contains about 70 questions. It is very interesting and well done. Highlights include adoption of a rule to allow for electronic meeting attendance. The majority of the quorum has to be present at the meeting site to allow electronic attendance. CMS does not attend because of our staff being present. Members agree that Lori Sorenson could represent CMS. We also need to adopt a rule on public recordings and allowing the public to address the board.

Staff will research similar rules from other boards and prepare draft rules for the Committee to consider. Amy Edwards will check to see if the Board of Higher Education has any established rules.

Todd Jorns made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:24 PM. Anne Craig seconded the motion the motion carried.